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We are reporting information of "ARSENIJ"[i] about [D% 4 representatives] of the BELL firm who are going to the USSR:

1. Leighton W. ROGER[a] [ii] — special assistant to the president

[41 groups unrecoverable]

ofPONKA"[iii] says that ROGER is a prominent business man in the banking line and is being sent [7 groups unrecovered] the BELL firm, director [6 groups unrecovered], that ROGER

[71 groups unrecovered]

2. George D. RAY[a] — design engineer and scientific worker in the design office of the firm. He graduated from Massachusetts Institute, [5 groups unrecovered] work. He is living in the [D% city]

[43 groups unrecovered]

. RAY[1 group unrecovered] a modest worker with a big

[21 groups unrecoverable]

.....S[a][iv] — a worker of the construction[KONSTRUKTSIONNYJ] department of the plant. [6 groups unrecovered] worker. A pilot. Six months ago he returned from a business trip

[8 groups unrecovered]

on servicing P-39 planes. [4 groups unrecovered] BELL.

4. Frank I. ZIOMBECK[a][v] — a worker of the construction department of the plant. On [5 groups unrecovered]. Before joining BELL he worked at CURTISS and CONSOLIDATED. An experienced worker.

[9 groups unrecovered]

was on the ISLAND[OSTROV][vi] as a representative of BELL on

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servicing P-39 planes[b].

[55 groups unrecovered]

The new fighter planes P-59 and P-77 which for the time being
[C% to be kept][c]

[28 groups unrecoverable]

to understand that ~~that~~ receiving the P-[C% 39] planes will

[10 groups unrecovered]

Notes: [a] Given in the Latin alphabet.
[b] A new unnumbered paragraph begins at this point.
[c] Meaning unclear because of incomplete context. A
garble may be involved.

Comments:

- [i] ARSENIJ: Andrej Ivanovich Shevchenko.
- [ii] Leighton W. ROGERS, professional public relations
consultant engaged by Lawrence BELL for this Bell
Aircraft Mission to the USSR.
- [iii]PONKA: Probably the end of the cover-name
"ShPONKA", i.e. "SPLINE", [REDACTED] See NEW
YORK to MOSCOW #780, 792 of 25-26 May 1945 which
refers to the brother of ShPONKA who worked at BELL.
- [iv]S: This should be William G. HAWKINS.
- [v] Francis Joseph ZIOMBECK.
- [vi] OSTROV: Great Britain.